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Governor Gray Davis  
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Dear Governor Davis,

Over the last year, I took my children on fishing, boating, and camping trips where we all were able to enjoy several of California's magnificent bays and rivers.

California's resource agencies have recently been presented with draft CALFED environmental documents which offer stark choices about the future of our State's water resources. I urge you to carefully consider the implications of these choices on the ability of my children, and my children's children, to continue to enjoy their birthright of clean, healthy waters.

You have the opportunity to move California away from the outdated vision of expensive and environmentally destructive dams and canals.

You have the authority to mandate programs to increase water efficiency. I urge you to invest in water efficiency, not massive new dams for at least seven years.

You can choose to protect California's rivers, streams and bays by providing adequate fresh water flows and exercising active stewardship over Public Trust lands which adjoin our rivers and bays.

You can improve water quality for both people and wildlife by vigorously enforcing California's pollution statutes. By the way, since many new studies now point to the positive correlation between environmental management and increased productivity and profitability, this would also tend to improve business performance and competitiveness.

As a California taxpayer, I tell you clearly that I do not want my taxes wasted on more studies of dams and reservoirs which will flood sensitive habitat and remove needed water from rivers. I want my taxes spent on environmental enforcement and restoration of sensitive habitat.

I urge you to be a governor for all Californians -- including those who will inherit our rivers, bays and tidelands. It is their State, not ours. We are only borrowing it for a while.

Sincerely,

Tim Little

cc: Tom Hannigan, Director, Water Resources Board

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